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## Grants to support immigrant children and youth

MADISON—More than 2,600 immigrant children and youth will receive additional support for their education from grants awarded to 14 school districts and two cooperative educational service agencies (CESAs).

Grant recipients will share \$868,316 for the 2008-09 school year. Funds must be used to enhance instructional opportunities for immigrant children and youth. Eligible districts or consortia experienced at least a 25 percent increase in enrollment of immigrant children or youth over the previous two years. The term immigrant refers to individuals between the ages of 3 and 21 who were not born in any state in the United States and have been attending school for less than three full academic years.

“These grants will help break down the cultural or language barriers that may impede the education of young people who have immigrated to our state and nation with their families,” said State Superintendent Elizabeth Burmaster.

The Immigrant Children and Youth Grants are a set aside allocation from the state’s No Child Left Behind, Title III federal grant to support the academic achievement of English-language learners. Grants for the immigrant children and youth program can be used to provide

- basic instructional resources and supplies or supplemental staff or services that directly help immigrant children and youth achieve in elementary and secondary schools;
- tutorials, mentoring activities, and academic or career counseling for immigrant children and youth; and
- family literacy, outreach, and training activities that assist parents in becoming active participants in the education of their children.

School districts with limited or no experience in serving immigrant students received special consideration in the grant review process. Grants are intended to build capacity and staff development

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and yield results that extend beyond the grant period. Projects for the 2008-09 school year must be completed June 30, 2009, and include reporting and evaluation requirements. Future funding is subject to congressional action.

A list of districts and CESAs receiving grants follows.

- Barron Area School District, \$64,689
- CESA 5, \$65,000
- CESA 11, \$37,106
- Cedarburg School District, \$6,500
- Darlington Community School District, \$34,150
- Fond du Lac School District, \$40,000
- Green Bay Area School District, \$58,588
- Madison Metropolitan School District, \$100,000
- Menasha School District, \$40,000
- Milwaukee Public Schools, \$143,689
- New Berlin School District, \$40,000
- Reedsburg School District, \$32,624
- Sauk Prairie School District, \$20,183
- Shorewood School District, \$40,000
- Sparta Area School District, \$37,187
- Wausau School District, \$108,600

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